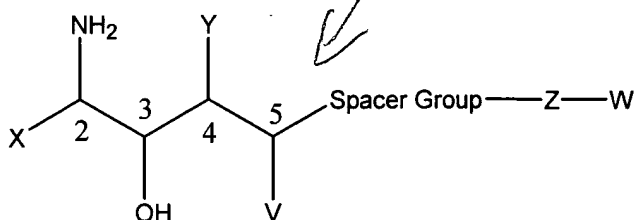


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

D1 9. (twice amended) A method of treating a neoplastic condition or toxicity in a subject associated with an alteration in sphingolipid metabolism comprising administering an effective amount of a ~~fumonisin or a fumonis~~ fumonisin analog thereof of the formula:



*reads on
fumonis analog
but not
fumonis*

wherein the spacer group is selected from the group consisting of alkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_{20}$), hydroxyalkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_{20}$) or dihydroxyalkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_{20}$); Z is selected from the group consisting of H, O, NH, NQ, NQC(O), NHC(O), CO_2 , C(O)NH , and C(O)NQ , wherein Q is an alkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_6$); W is selected from the group consisting of no substituent, H, alkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_6$), aryl (phenyl, substituted phenyl such as substitution with alkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_6$) or halo), $\text{C(O)(CH}_2)_n\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ (where $n = 1 - 6$), $\text{C(O)(CH}_2)_n\text{CW}'_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, where W' is selected independently from H, alkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_6$), aryl (phenyl, substituted phenyl such as substitution with alkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_6$) or halo), and $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, wherein $n = 1 - 6$; X is selected from the group consisting of H, methyl, CH_2OH (and esters thereof), $\text{CH}_2\text{NQ}'_2$ (where Q' is selected independently from H, alkyl (straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_{20}$), and acyl $\text{C(O)Q}''$ where Q'' is an alkyl, straight chain or branched, $C_1 - C_{20}$); and V and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of H or OH (and esters thereof).

D2 12. (twice amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein the fumonisin or fumonis analog is administered in an amount between 5 and 500 mg.